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1. NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN (UNFM), IN AFTERMATH OF RECENT STUDENT STRIKE AND OF CIVIL UNREST FOLLOWING DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT MODIBO KEITA (REFTELS), STAGED RALLY MAY 24 IN SUPPORT OF RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION. ON SAME DAY, RADIO MALI CARRIED DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FROM NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WORKERS (UNTM) AND VETERANS' ASSOCIATION. ON MAY 24, A REGIONAL OFFICE OF UNFM ORGANIZED SUPPORT MARCH IN MOPTI.

2. CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT CAME ON WAVE OF RUMORS ABOUT NEW FISSURES
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IN MALIAN POLITICAL STRUCTURE. ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGH MILITARY COMMAND SPARKED SPECULATION THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS ABOUT TO JETTISON PLANS FOR ELECTIONS OF LOCAL PARTY OFFICIALS. OTHER RUMORS SUGGEST REVIVAL OF REGIONAL ANTAGONISM BETWEEN NORTHERN MALIANS AND DOMINANT MALINKE-BAMBARA PEOPLE IN SOUTH.

3. IN SPITE OF RUMORS, BAMAKO APPEARS CALM. SENIOR POLICE OFFI-

CIAL, HOWEVER, TOLD DCM MAY 26 STATE STATE OF ALERT WOULD CONTINUE SINCE THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS FROM THE OLD MODIBO KEITA GOVERNMENT WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE. ASKED TO SPECIFY TROUBLE EXPECTED, OFFICIAL SAID THE OLD POLITICIANS WOULD TRY TO STIR UP STUDENTS TO TAKE VIOLENT ACTIONS WITHIN BAMAKO.

4. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RETURNING TO CLASSES IN EVER LARGER NUMBERS SINCE NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN MEDIATED STRIKE DISPUTE MAY 12. MOST STUDENTS ARRESTED DURING STRIKE AND DEMONSTRATORS DETAINED AT TIME OF PRESIDENT KEITA'S FUNERAL HAVE BEEN RELEASED. HOWEVER, STUDENT LEADER BONIFACE DIARRA REMAINS IN PRISON AND IS REPORTEDLY SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOR. GOVERNMENT ALSO DETAINED DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL NORMAL SCHOOL AND NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION. NORMAL SCHOOL DIRECTOR REPORTED RELEASED AND THEN FIRED FOR HAVING PERSONALLY ATTENDED AND SANCTIONED STUDENT PLAY RIDICULING MILITARY COMMITTEE AND MALIAN ADMINISTRATION.

5. COMMENT: NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN IS DEMONSTRATING CONSIDERABLE ASTUTENESS AND DYNAMISM IN RECENT WEEKS IN CONTRAST TO NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WORKERS WHICH AVOIDED INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT STRIKE AND ONLY BELATEDLY ISSUED PRONOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE. IN THEIR MEDIATION OF STUDENT STRIKE, WOMEN SECURED WHAT THREE WEEKS OF STUDENT PRESSURE COULD NOT: RELEASE OF DETAINEES, GUARANTEED JOBS FOR THOSE WHO EARN BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMAS, DELAY OF EXAMS, AND SAFE CONDUCT FOR THOSE RETURNING TO SCHOOL. WHOLESOME, PEACEFUL RETURN OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH BEST EFFORT OF MALIAN SECURITY FORCES HAD NOT ATTAINED. IN LEADING RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE, UNFM HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED ITS POLITICAL CAPITAL.

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